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## The Quatrains of Baba Tahir, edited and translated by Sted Ali Bilgrami.

Mr. Edward Heron-Allen haśs published an English translation of the Quatrains of Baba 'Tahir, under the title of "The Lament of Baba Tahir." The translation is a very creditable performance, without doubt. But, I am afraid, his version of the text is not always correct, nor are all the sixty-two Quatrains he has put together Baba Tahir's. Those numbering 15, 34, and 56 in Mr. Allen's book bear unmistakable evidence of having been written by someone else. The style, metre, and language employed in no way resemble Biba Tahir's. As for the inaccuracies of the text, I have thought it fit to correct them and give a prose translation, adhering as far as pussible to Mr. Allen's words. Indeed at oue time I had an ider of issuing a new edition of the Quatrains myself. But the advice of my learned friend, the Hon'ble Nawab Imad-ud-Mulk, Bahadur, whom I consulted on the matter, has prevailed with me so far, that I have decided to restrict myself to the less pretentious task of revising Mr. Allen's translation in the way I have indicated. And I trust that my work will be found useful by the students of Persian Literature.

Before proceeding, howerer, to point out, and correct the inaccuracies in the text of the Quatrains, as given by Mr. Allen, I should like to say a few words about the date of Baba 'Tahir's birth.

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In his introduction to "The Lament of Baha Tahip," Mr. Allen gives 410 A.H. as the date of the Baba's death. Riza Quli Khan in his volume of "The Majma-nl-Fusaha" gives the same date, and considers the Baba to be a contemporary of the Dailamite Dynasty. I quite agree with Riza Quli Khan in that opinion, as the Dailamites reigned hetween 321 and 487 A.H. corresponding to 933 and 1094 of the Christian era. The Seljuks began their reign from the time of Mas'ud (1031 Christian era), the grandson of Mahmud of Gliazni. That Baba Tahir lived before Firdusi, Ansuri, and others, there exists no manner of doubt, as these were the poets of the court of Mahmud, and Malimnd was before the Seljuks came into power. The Baba must therefore have died about 410 A.H. because, in the first place, his Quatrain No. 29 he tells us that he was born in 326 A.H., and, next, he died, from all accounts, a very old man. According to the Abjad system of chronography, letters have numerical values; and it is well known that this fact is taken advantage of by oriental writers to denote events. And this is exactly what Baba Tahir has done in the quatrain above referred to which runs as folows:-



Letters have two kinds of ralues, the ز Zabar "written," i.e., the valne of the letter itself, and the Baiyyinat, i.e., the value of the other letters, besides the Zabar which give the spelling of the name of the letter, and both put together are called Zabar and Baiyyinat. For instancel (الف) Alif has its own value as one, and this is called the Zabar of alif; but the name of the letter is pronounced alif, therefore the letters $\mathcal{J}$ lam and $\dot{i}$ fa are the Baiyyinats of 1 that is 1 (الفض) has two values, the Zabar of الف alif is $1=1$; and the Buiyyinat of الف (الف $ل$ lam and $\mathfrak{e} f a=30+80=110$; and the Zabar and Baiyyinat together will give the value of الف as 111. So the letter 1 while generally standing for one, may sometimes stand for $1+\boldsymbol{J}+\boldsymbol{i}=1+30+80=$ lll. Now let us apply both these methods of valuation, so to say, to the fourth line of the quatrain quoted above. The poet says "I am the Alif ladd who lias come in Alf." According to the Zubur method, adding the values of the letters composing الف قه alif kadd and الف alif together we get the following result:-

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Sinming them up we have $1+30+80+100+4+1+30+80=32$ and this 26 is the yenr of the poet's birth. Sometimes an Arabic word
is used buit the value of its Persian equivalent is taken. As for ins stance, in the very first line of this quatrain where the Poet says © I am thut بورآ بهرم word darya is Persian for $\quad$ ? and the numerical values of the letters
 The numerical values of the letters of his own name $\boldsymbol{m}$. Tahiir also number up to 215 , so that when he says he is the sea, darya he means , Persian هنزار hazar. If we take the values of the letters of according to the second system, that is the Zabar and the Baiyyinat together, the result is as follows :-

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\text { l } 8=6 ; \quad j=8 ; \quad \mid=111 ; \quad \nu=201, \text { total } 326, \text { the same }
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 so again the words الف قd give the same number according to Zabar:-

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1=1 ; \quad J=30 ; \quad \text { U }=80 ; \quad \text { ق }=100 ; \quad \Delta=4 ;
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 preceding statement it will be seen that his date of birth, as given by himself, is 326 A.H. and the fourth line of Quatrain No. 29 is the chronogram of his birth.

## 1.

1. Happy are they who always see thy face.
2. Who talk with thee, and sit with thee.
3. If I have no leg to come to see thee.
4. I will go and see those who see thee.

There is no such word as زor for the contraction of .خوشا كنان كه هزنمان روته وين.

## 2.

1. Without thee, I pray to God, may rose never grow in the garden.
2. If it do grow, may none ever smell it.
3. Without thee, should the heart ever open its lips to laugl.
4. May its cheeks never be cleansed of its heart's blood.

The expressiou ليارب literally means. "O Lord," but is sometimes used as a prayer and is not directly addressed to God; sometimes it ex. presses wonder and astonishment. The Quatrain is addressed to the Poet's beloved, and not to God, as it is obvious that nothing will grow without God. The second line supports this, as here the poet says, "if it do grow." Cf, the word يارب in Quatrain No. 57, line 4th; where it is similarly used. From the note on page 67, it appears that the transla-
tor has taken the word $8 \Delta i$ as the dialectal form of $\mathbf{y}$ aid and has translated it as such. But it is not so, the idiom بثغ ب means to open the lips to smile or laugh.
3.

The translation of this Quatrain read with the footnotes is quite correct, and requires no comment.
4.

1. I am troubled by (the phrase) "They said yes."
2. I have more sins than the leaves of trees.
3. When to-morrow the readers of the book (of deeds) read their books.
4. I, book in hand, shall hang my head.

In the 2nd line, the word $\begin{array}{ll}\text { dاروت darum, is the plural of } 10 \text { a tree. It }\end{array}$ has no connection whatsoever with دار dar, the gallows, nor with טارو darvan, an elm. The word برى barg should be read barg-i, i.e., "leaves of."

In the Brd line ${ }^{\text {ing }}$ " the readers of the book" does not mean the Recording Angels. According to the Mussulmans every person's deeds are recorded by the Recording Angels in a book, called نالن " given his book to read his own deeds out of, in the presence of God. Here the poet says that "when those with clean sheets read their books, I, being a sinful person, with my book in hand, shall hold my head down."

## 5.

1. Lord! who am I, and with whom should I associate?
2. How long should I be with lashes full of bloody tears?
3. When all turn me away from their doors, I come to thee.
4. And if Thou turnest me away from Thy door, to whom shall 1 go?

The word بوشثم 1st and 2nd lines بوشم means باشّم but in the 4th line it means بشم

The word $و$ is synonymous with $s u$, بر $s$ bari, and $b a z$, and means "to," " return to," or "turn to." The expression dilخ baz khanah shud means, "he returned home." سوت" means "towards thee," and it is not correct to take it as the dialectal form of 4.

## 6.

1. In this homeless state to whom shall I go?
2. With this houselessness to whom shall I turn?
3. (When) all drive me away from their door, I come to Thee.
4. If Thou turn me away from Thy door to whom shall I go?

In the text, the 3rd line begins with ham, but it should be hamam, otherwise the metre will be injured. It -will be observed here that the word بر and بوكبانشّم respectively mean "to," "toward," and شوم "to go," which has been alluded to in the note on Quatrain No. 5.

## 7.

1. If Thou killest us miserably, whom fearest Thiou?
2. And if Thou drivest (us) with despair whom fearest Thou?
3. I, with this half a heart fear none.
4. Thou (who) possessest a heart as large as the two worlds whom fearest Thou?

In the 4th line دو عالم or even هr or translated into English would mean " a world of hearts" or "a world full of hearts." In the 2nd line $\xi^{3}$ gar is better than $1 a r$, since there is no necessity for using this form.

## 8.

1. If we are the drunkard of drunkards, we are Thine.
2. And if we are helpless, we are Thine (we belong to Thee).
3. Whether we be Guebres, Christians or Muslims,
4. In whatsoever religion we be, we belong to Thee.

The words mastan-i-mast is similar to the form 8 ' $8^{\prime} A$ شان

The word (يمون is another plural form of 10 and is not the dialectal form of faith, which is an Arabic word. The poet means that whatever we are, drunkards or indigent and helpless, we belong to Thee. This word إيهون has been misunderstood, hence the error. Observe that the grammatical construction also becomes faulty, by adopting the translator's reading.

## 9.

1. He who has suffered grief knows the tune of lamentation,
2. (Just as) the crucible knows (detects) the value of pure gold.
3. Come ye heart-burnt that we may lament together,
4. For the heart-burnt knows the worth of the heart-burnt.

The word بوته buta means a crucible, as has rightly been translated ; but in the translator's remark regarding the elimination of the $\dot{\tau}$ in no $\dot{\text { ngrt }}$ خ has been eliminated; in wوظ" it has. The word and puta, means a hag of
money, but it is not applicable here. It also means a place where money is kept, a treasury.

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1. A garden the branches of whose trees hang out,
2. Its gardener is ever in bitter grief (always has a bleeding heart).
3. It (the tree) should be plucked out root and all,
4. Even though its fruit be rubies and pearls.

I cannot understand why "the intention of this quatrain completely baffes Mr. Heron-Allen." The meaning is very clear. The author means that when a garden contains a tree whose branches reach out of the garden, i.e., are beyond the vigilance of the gardener, the gardener has always a bleeding heart for this very reason. This alludes to the beloved one who constantly goes out; the lover wants her all to himself, and cannot bear to see her lavishing her charms upon othersHence the jealousy, and the suggestion to pluck her out (by the root) entirely from his heart, though she be the loveliest. Instances of such expressions of jealousy are constantly found in oriental poetry.

## 11.

1. O heart, thy path is clear of brambles and thorns,
2. Thy passage (journey) is on the heights of heaven.
3. And if thou canst, thy skin from thy body
4. Cast off, so that thy load may become light.

The word in the lst and 2nd lines - بي - باشٌ - bat in the 4th line it is equal to بشّو " may become."

In the lst line read بي " without," "clear of," instead of full of." I do not find any obscurity in the meaning of this Quatrain; the translator's remark is incomprehensible, where he says "the meaning is exceedingly obscure." The poet addressing his heart says, "thy path is clear of thorns and brambles, and thy road leads to the heavens; in attempting that flight if thou art able to cast off thy skin do so, so that thy burden become lightened and thy progress be still further accelerated."

## 12.

1. Come, let us, the burnt in heart, gather round,
2. Converse together and exhibit our griefs
3. Let us bring scales and weigh our woes,
4. Whichsoever of us is more burnt, will weigh the heavier.

I have read the 2nd line in the way it is given in my corrected text, as غنهواكثرايُيم instead of غنم وانهائيم. The poet calls the woe-stricken together to converse and exhibit their woes, and to weigh their griefs,
so that whoever has suffered more grief will certainly weigh hearier than the rest.

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1. Come, O Ye burnt-in-heart, that we may lament,
2. Let us groan (or lament) over the absence of that lovely rose;
3. Let us go to the rose-garden with the ecstatic nightingale,
4. And if she lament not, let us lament.

## 14.

1. I was (like) a falcon and I went to chase (my prey),
2. When a black-eyed one struck an arrow on my wing (pierced my wing).
3. Go, but graze not heedlessly on the mountains ;
4. He who grazes heedlessly, gets struck with an arrow unawares. سيه means "black-eyed," but never "evil-eyed," which is شور shur cashm.
In the 4th line, the word "غاغ is used in two different senses, the first غانل means " careless," "heedless," the second "unawares," synony. mous with $01 .{ }^{1}$. Black-eyes are admired by the Orientals, hence the application of wor kuhl-Sulphide of antimony-to make them look black. تير خوردن means one with a black-eye, i.e., a beauty. تير = to be struck with an arrow.

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1. 'Tis through the mischief working of the heaven's revolution,
2. That the eye of my wound is always full of brine (salt).
3. If the smoke of my sighs soars to heaven,
4. The flood of my tears runs down to Samak.

حششم زخم the eye of the wound, means the opening. When salt is sprinkled on a wound it causes smarting and irritation. Observe the play upon the words شور and means saltish, as well as mutiny, rebellion; a brawl from شوريدن to rebel, to mutiny. The translator has taken adjectively, but that is not correct. . ing of the wound, the Kasra being for iol izafat or the possessive, and not for Sifat, adjective. The similarity between the shape of a wound or incision and the eye, will not escape the student's detecting eye.

## 17.

1. O Lord! so afflicted am I by this heart,
2. Night and day I am in torment through this heart.
3. I have groaned so much that it (the heart) has killed me of groaning.
4. Take it from me as I am weary of this heart.

In the 3rd line the word is neither كس Kas, nor Kushi, but كشَ Kusht, the past tense of kill. Kushi cripples the metre too.
18.

1. I, who wander in the desert night and day
2. And shed tears from my eyes night and day,
3. No fever have I, nor does any part of me ache,
4. This only do I know that I am groaning night and day.

In line 2 of Mr. Allen's text the word بارانم should be بارونم. There seems to be no necessity for adding the pleonastic in the words جاير in ther , نالونم and , because in the Raji dialect the letter preceding the final $p$ of the first person has always the vowel point donzamma, and the
 line 3, page 32 , the word ميكنم must be a misprint, and should be, ميكنه as ميكرو corresponds to the Persian ميكنا ميكرم and ميكنم and

## 19.

1. The heart is a pest, a plague, a plague ;
2. The eyes $\sin$, but the heart is afflicted ;
3. If the eyes see not a lovely face,
4. What does the heart know, where the beauties are?

Instead of the final ئ it is far better to use بوش or or or all the lines. كنd is correct, and there is no need of using the word as the singular is generally used. The translator in the note on line 4 , page 33, translates the line

 د means "How or what would my heart know."
20.

1. From the tyranny of both eyes and heart I cry,
2. For, whaterer the eyes see, the heart remembers.
3. I will make a dagger whose point will be of steel,
4. And shall strike it on my ejes, so that the heart may become free.

It is not necessary to use the letter $\dot{\delta}$ always instead of $\mathbf{~}$. I have

different with بولاد which has been spelt invariably with both د and j. In the 3rd line either بساجبم may be used, but not بسوجم mor which is derived from an entirely different verb سوختن = سوجيدن to burn.
21.

1. I have a heart that has no good in it,
2. However I counsel it, it profits not;
3. I cast it to the winds, but the wind does not carry it.
4. I put it on the fire, it does not smoke (or burn).

The word ميبرو should be with , which is the dialectal form and not with $\Delta$ which is Persian.

Here, too, as in the preceding Quatrain $\dot{j}$ need not necessarily be used for د in the words or or or or - سود - بهبود. It appears like a forced expression and not natural, and savours of affectation. The word نميباش̂ه - نميّو

## 22.

1. I am that wastrel whose name is Kalandar,
2. I have no home, no abode, and no vessel;
3. When the day comes, I wander round the earth (world).
4. When night falls, I lay my head on a brick.

The word لنگر and both mean a large vessel here and not an anchor, ختش is an unburnt brick.
23.

1. In the whole world there is no moth like me.
2. In the Universe there is not a mad man like me.
3. All the serpents and the ants have nests,
4. But for poor me, there is not even a ruin.

I have read it somewhere as بكيتي "in the Universe," instead of انرا $ج$ in the 2nd line, and this I have substituted.

## 24.

1. In the field of my thought naught grows save grief,
2. In my garden nothing grows but the flower of mourning.
3. In the desert of my unproductive heart,
4. Not even the herbage of despair grows.

In the text in the 2 nd line, the word $\quad$ injures the metre, and Mr . Allen has rightly noticed it. It should be $j$ to give the " correct scansion."

In the 3rd line بيكاه means "giving or yielding no produce," the word chols in Agriculture means "the produce."

The dot of $\dot{j}$ had better be omitted in the word
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25.

1. I have a delicate heart like glass.
2. I fear for it whenever I heave a sigh;
3. It is no wonder if my tears are like blood,
4. I am that tree whose roots are set in blood.

The poet likens lis heart to the glass ; it is so fragile that it may break even by a sigh.

In the 3rd line should be substituted for هاوم a tree for دارم.

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1. Had I only one pain (anguish), what should I care?
2. And if my sorrows were trifling, what should I care?
3. Near my bed, my beloved or my physician,
4. If either one were present, what should I care?

Mr. Allen has evidently read the lines in the Persian way and therefore remarks that they are "pure Persian." But in Raji the letter preceding the $p$ of the lst person has always a zamma and so the words would be pronounced دارم dardum بالينم balinum حبيمب habibum, etc., and not بردنم dardam بالينم balinam. It must be observed that the zamma represents the pleonastic واو in such cases.

## 27.

1. In wailing, my heart is like a flute,
2. The anguish of thy separation is ever at my heels
3. I have to burn and be consumed till the day of resurrection.
4. God only knows when that day shall be.

The 4th line is sometimes written as خمر ذونو قياهت تابكي بـي has been wrongly written as خرن , i.e., the scribe has changed the $\dot{j}$ into
 Persian خג|دراناد which is used in case of doubt.

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1. When spring comes in every garden there are roses,
2. On every bough a thousand nightingales ;
3. I cannot set my foot on every meadow,
4. Lest there be one more burnt (in heart) than I.

Note the play upon the words a هز هز اردسلان or or

عندليبان را چه رِيش ا
29.

1. I am that sea which has come in a vessel,
2. I am that point which has come to be pronounced;
3. In every thousand (years) an upright statured person appears.
4. I am the Alif Kad (upright one) that has come in (this) thousand.

I have discussed this Quatrain at full length on page 2 and shown that it gires the poet's year of birth. Alif Kad is numerically equal to الف ; Alf is a thousand in Arabic, its Persian equivalent being لهن hazar which according to zabar and baiyyinat is equal to 326 . The 4th line would thus mean that Tahir has come in 326. Or takipg the numerical гalues of the letters composing الفـ Alf, according to Zabar alone, they represent 111 , i.e., $\mid=1 ; J=30$; and $\boldsymbol{j},=80$, adding to this number the value of الف قد 215 , i.e., $1=1 ; J=30$; 80 ; $ق=100$, and $\nu=4$, we get $111+215=326$, the same number which I take to be his year of birth. There was no necessity for making use of such words, if the poet really did not mean to convey this idea.

## 30.

1. I am that fire-like bird, that, in an instant,
2. Will burn the world if I clap my wings together;
3. And should a painter draw my figure on the wall,
4. I would burn the house from the effects of my image.

Mirza Habib's emendation is very proper, as the context clearly proves. Note the word ديوال which is the equivalent in Raji of ديوار.

## 31.

1. If my heart is my sweetheart, what is my sweetheart's name?
2. And if my sweetheart is my heart, from what region is my heart?
3. I have my heart and my sweetheart so intimately interwoven,
4. That I do not know which is my heart and which my sweetheart.

 responsible for this error. It is not elegant either to use the same rhyme twice in one and the same couplet. I think in the 4th line g is should be adopted instead of more forcibly.
5. If I am in love with the face of a beloved one,
6. Restrain me not, as I am the thrall of my heart.
7. O, Camel-driver! for God's sake drive slowly,
8. For I am a laggard behind this caravan.

The poet means that he is in love and tells his counsellor not to restrain him, as he is in the power of his heart, which carries him wheresoever his beloved goes. He begs or beseeches the Camel-driver to drive on slowly, so that he may be enabled to catch the caravan by which his beloved is travelling, as through weakness he has lagged behind.

## 33.

1. That the picture of thy beauty, Love, may not quit my heart.
2. That the thought (or image) of thy down and thy mole, Love, may not escape
3. I have made a hedge from my eyelashes round the eyes,
4. That blood may come and thy image, Love, may not escape.

The translator has evidently taken the word برچt parchin, a hedge, to be purchin, wrinkled, hence the translation " wrinkled eyes." The poet says that he has made a hedge out of his eyelashes, in order to prevent the thought or image of his beloved from getting out as the thorns (the eyelashes) will draw blood, and prevent the escape of the thought or image.

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This is not by Baba Tahir, nor is it of the same metre.
35.

1. Of plundered hearts he has more than a thousand,
2. Of bleeding livers (hearts) he has more than thousands;
3. He counted thousands of scars from my wounds,
4. Yet the uncounted are more than the counted ones.
 ably used, as $\Delta$ and $\omega$ are interchangeable letters. Riza Quli Khan, in the Majma-ul-Fosaha, makes it برتُٔوبش كرتُٔغ ويش, etc., but the hamza is not required at all, as it becomes nonsense. The word ويش ور vish should be read vishan ويشن are ويشّ and ويش are more;" in Persian caligraphy written alike, the difference being in placing the dot of the u. The paraphrase of the line in modern Persian will be دل بغارت برده اورا از هثزار بيش اند, i.e., " plundered hearts with him or in his possession are more than a thousand." All the copies have erred in some way or other, and in order to preserve the right scansion, they have altered the lines
to suit their own sweet will. In the 1st line هزارش should be substi-
 3rd line, the first is ويش and the second word is ريش a wound. Since
 the words هز هز and alludes to the same person. The poet says that though he (his beloved) counted more than thousands of scars, داغ from his wounds, وريش still the uncounted exceed those that have been counted. The last word in the 1st, 2 nd , and the 4th lines should be ويشّ vishan, and not ويش - ويش ويشه vishan is the plural of ويثه. It will be observed that the metre has in no way been affected.

## 36.

1. Do not twist thy dishevelled hyacinths (i.e., hair),
2. Do not fill thy drunken narcissi (i.e., the eyes) with tears ;
3. If thou art bent on cutting off thy love from me,
4. Time will cut it off, do not hasten on.

Instead of ذخرزنا in the 2nd line would be better, and this reading I have adopted, because it is not necessary to make the beloved shed tears of blood, the mere filling up of the eyes with tears being sufficient. The first وريني is to be pronounced varini, and the second vorini, and similarly ورينه vorina in the 4th line. The first is the Raji form of برايني, and the second is derived from وريدن voridan, to cut, sever $=$ Persian بريدن.
37.

1. O , strong-hearted one! thy heart does not burn for me;
2. It would not be strange if stone does not burn ;
3. But I will burn till I burn thy heart,
4. For green wood does not burn alone in the fire.

In the lst line دلسوختّن means " to take pity," but in the 3rd line بسوجونم دلترا means that " I. will make your heart burn, " i.e., "make you feel." There is a proverb تور خشڭك باهم ميسوزذ "green and dry wood burn together." This is made use of to express that in a general conflagration everything is consumed. The poet here alludes to this and says that he will burn himself and so inflame or consume the heart of the beloved also. The 2nd line may also be translated as: "What wonder if stone (i.e., thy heart) does not burn."
38.

1. My heart is distraught through thy love,
2. And when I strike my eyelashes together, a torrent arises ;
3. The lover's heart is like green wood,
4. Burning at one end, and pouring blood at the other.
 and 飞, being all interchangeable. I have also seen the lst line written as follows : دلم در عشق خوبان كيج و ويُجّه, "My heart is distracted from the love of the fair ones."
5. 
6. Without thee my heart is not happy for a single moment,
7. And if $I$ see thy face grief disappears ;
8. If they distribute the grief of my heart,
9. No heart in all the world would remain without grief.
10. 
11. Thou hast chain-like (curly) locks falling upon thy face,
12. (As if) thou hast Rose and Hyacinth mingled together ;
13. But when thou scatterest the strands of thy locks,
14. Thou wilt have a heart suspended from every strand of hair.
15. 
16. O may thy sun-like face grow brighter ;
17. May my heart be pierced still more by the arrow of thy love ;
18. Dost thou know why thy cheek's mole is black ?
19. Because, whatever is near the sun is more burnt.

The word whough the plural form of wher is often used for the singular also. 42.

1. The breeze that comes from the roots of those locks,
2. Is more welcome to me than the perfume of hyacinths;
3. When at night I take thy thought in my arms,
4. At dawn the scent of roses arises from my bed.
 scent of roses arising from his bed.

## 43.

1. O thou, from whose two locks I string my rabab,
2. What seekest thou from this my wretched state?.
3. When thou hast no wish to be my friend,
4. Why comest thou every midnight in my dream?

In the 3rd line I have used تو 3 توباهو which is the only correct form, and Mr. Browne's suggestion is very proper. سیر ياري داشتن means "to wish to befriend one."

1. Thou whose soft eyes are surma dyed,
2. Thou whose flourishing stature (figure) is heart attracting,
3. Thou whose musky hair (plaid) are on thy back,
4. Why askest thou me " Wherefore art thou confounded ?"

 interrogative in the 4th line. The other words دلرباكُى and are the
 translator remarks on page 50, but the 3rd person singular alluding to דششهوس "shadowed." The word سايأيدن to is derived from grind, to rub, and does not mean ساير . "shadow." Mr. Browne's rendering is perfectly correct; the poet in another Quatrain of which I remember only two

'Why askest thou me, "Wherefore art thou without name or shame." Whosoever is a lover, what is name and shame to him.' The poet means that when you have such ravishing eyes, such a lovely figure, and such musk-scented (or may be musk-coloured) hair, it is strange to ask me why I am confounded ; that is, with all these forces arrayed against me it is difficult for me to keep myself safe.
5. 
6. How pleasant it is when love is reciprocal,
7. Because one-sided friendship is a trouble;
8. If Majnun had a distracted heart,
9. Leila's heart was still more distracted.

In the lst line ${ }^{2}$ จ夂⺀ is the correct word, as it means "how," while $\boldsymbol{g} \boldsymbol{\sim}$ means "whereas" or "because." Mr. Browne is right regarding the use of the word $j$ for $\boldsymbol{j}$ in the same line.

## 46.

1. Come one evening and illumine my chamber ;
2. Do not leave me in the affliction of the day of separation.
3. By the pair of thy eyebrow's arches I swear,
4. That I am yoked to grief since I am separated from thee.

The 4th line of Mr. Allen's edition will not scan properly, and should be از ازتو instead of

It is strange that in the note on this line, page $52, \mathrm{Mr}$. Allen gives does not mean " fever" here but "thou" or rather " thee " after $\%$.
47.

1. Art thou a lion or a leopard, O Heart, O Heart?
2. That thou warrest ever with me, O Heart, O Heart?
3. Shouldst thou fall into my hands, I'll spill thy blood,
4. To see of what colour thou art, O Heart, O Heart.

In the 3 rd line feti is the contraction as well as the dialectal


The 4th line is not correctly rendered. ری colour thou art," and alludes to the heart and not to the blood; the expression ${ }^{K} \mathcal{j}^{\prime} \AA_{\bar{v}}$ means " of what material thou art made."

In the 3rd line وريزّم and بويّم are both correct ; but in the 4th line, I would use بوزيم as it is not elegant to bring two وروم vãvs together, as in .
48.

1. 0, my Beauty ! thou hast my heart and soul,
2. Thou hast all my apparent and hidden effects ;
3. I know not from whom I have this grief (pain) ;
4. I only know that thou holdest the remedy.

The 2nd line will not scan correctly with $ن \boldsymbol{i}$, and and so I have substituted the correct word
49.

1. Shouldst thou come, I will welcome thee with my soul,
2. Shouldst thou not come, I will burn from thy separation.
3. Whatever sorrows thou hast, lay them on my heart,
4. Whether I die of them, or be consumed by them, or bear them.

From the note on page 82 , on line 1 , it appears that the translator has taken the word بجّانبان تو to mean and translates it "by thy life," whereas بجانت " means with my soul (welcome) thee," the ت being in the accusative. Then again in the note on the 3rd line he says, "i.e., the pains thou canst inflict;" but this is not what the poet means. The poet says, if you have any grief or sorrow, lay it on my heart, and care not whether I die of it, or be consumed by it, or bear up with it, i.e., I will gladly bear all thy grief and sorrow and leave thee happy and free from every care.

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1. The tulips of the hill-side last only a week,
2. The violets on the river brink last only a week ;
3. I will proclaim from town to town,
4. That the fidelity of the rosy-cheeked lasts only a week.

From the translator's note on line 1, page 54, it appears that he has read the word died "of a week's duration," with the accent on the third syllable, like يكع سالگى and يك هفنتگي. But the accent is on the second syllable, and means "only a week." Sheikh Baha-ud-Din'in his Nān-oHalwa says كُركسى گويد كه ازعهرت همين * .
 one were to tell you that of your life, Only a week remains, and this becomes certain."

His other remark regarding the hamza in $\frac{f}{f} / y_{\text {l }}$ shows that he has not read examples where poets use their license. He has evidently read it as if it consisted of four syllables, whereas in the present case, it should be read like a word of three syllables, i.e., it should be pronounced $a$-la-lai, and not $a$-la-la-ye, and thus it will not injure the metre. Innumerable examples of this may be cited from the older authors. Khakani says:
 of two syllables and not bila-ye. It is not so in the case of $\begin{aligned} & \text { tin } \\ & \text { where }\end{aligned}$ the izafat is not required at all, and so the comparison does not hold good.

In the 3rd line, the word ${ }^{\text {شrg }}$ is the correct word, being the plural of ${ }^{\text {شی }}$ and there appears no reason to change it into $\boldsymbol{r}^{\mathrm{w}}$ an Arabic word, and then to corrupt it; such an emendation will spoil the sense of the last couplet. For the last two lines I remember having read some-
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3. "Why should I bear thy tyranny for years and months,
4. Thy friendship to friends is for a week only." Probably these two lines may be the two last lines of another Quatrain, the first two lines of which are wanting.

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1. My heart is grieved (sorrowful) in thine absence,
2. My pillow is a brick and bed the earth ;
3. My $\sin$ is that I love thee,
4. Yea, whosoever loves thee, this is his condition.

From every point of view the Quatrain as given by the author of the Majma-ul-Fusaha, is preferable to every other version of the same; hence my adopting it.

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1. I am that taper whose tears are of fire ;
2. He who is burnt in heart, can his tears be other than this?
3. All night I burn and all day I weep,
4. Like those are my nights and such my days from thee (thy tyranny).
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5. 
6. Without thee tears come from my wet eyelashes,
7. Without thee the tree of my hope becomes barren,
8. Without thee night and day in a solitary corner,
9. I sit till my life comes to an end.

I have made this emendation in the 4 th line, i.e., substituted
 . بسر Tيو or or
54.

1. O heart, I wear blue clothes in thy absence,
2. I bear the burden of thy grief like the tent-carrying elephant;
3. I boast of thy love like the dawn,
4. From this moment till the time of Israfil's trumpet.

In Persia indigo-blue, black or antimony (surma) coloured clothes are worn in mourning; nil is indigo, and not purple.

In the 2nd line the last word is $ل$ det an elephant, and not $z i l$; hence $\dot{d}$ zail cannot rhyme with nil and sarafil. dol? jama means clothes, as well as carpets and other articles used for spreading, which I have translated as "tent" here. Note the colour of the elephant which has a dark bluish tint. Other poets have used the words نيل and $d_{1 / \%}$ together, keeping the colour of the latter in viow. Cf. Firdousi :
"You threatened me that under the feet of elephants
"You will make my body like the river Nile."
The colour of the Nile, from the meaning of the word, is supposed to be blue.

The translator considers this Quatrain to be free from dialectical forms. This is true in one sense, that is, as far as writing is concerned. But in pronunciation it differs in so far, that the words are pronounced in Raji as pushum, kashum, zanum, and not as in modern Persian, pusham, kasham, and zanam.

In the 4th line, note the play upon the second word D dam; dam means the "moment" also " blowing," where it stands for the verb so that the line means "from this moment till the moment or time of Israfil's trumpet" or "from this moment till the blowing of Israfil's trumpet."

## 55.

1. The vessel of my happiness is full of grief (liver's or heart's blood),
2. My lieart is ever full of fire and my eyes ever wet ;
3. With thy perfume I should gain life after death,
4. If haply thou should pass over my grave (earth).

Saadi has expressed the same idea in his Taiyibat, where he says:-

"Should the perfume of the beloved pass over the earth of the lovers,
"What wonder that from its effects the rotten bones may come to life."

Or, compare the couplet of Hafiz:-

"Should thy perfume blow over the earth even after a hundred years,
"The rotten bones will come out of the winding sheet dancing." Note the word play on 100 in connection with $م \dot{r}$, as the word 100 means "ever," "always," as well as " wine."

## 56.

This Quatrain is not Baba Tahir's, nor is its metre the same as that used by the Baba. The word Kirman has another meaning, besides the two quoted by Mr. Allen. It means "grapes;" hence the origin of the name of Kirmanshahan where a thousand grape-vines were planted, and several kings had assembled round the throne of Khusrau Parviz who exclaimed the words Kirman (grapes) and Shahan (kings), which became the name of the place where this grand assembly had been held (vide Farhang-i-Anjuman-Ara-i-Nasiri, under the word Kirmanshahan.) The allusion to eating in the two expressions كرعان خورن is more appropriate in regard to grapes than conquering Kirman, though the word "play" has been very cleverly introduced here. The meaning is, that "the king who in the fulness of his power was eating grapes, to-day the worms are devouring him," or in Saadi's lines, "I had set my heart to eat grapes, when suddenly the worms devoured me."

## 57.

1. Dark is my lot, Oh that my lot may be topsy-turvy;
2. Ruined is my fortune, Oh that my fortune may be overturned;
3. I have become a thorn and a thistle of the lane of Love
4. By the doings of my heart; O Lord! that it may be drowned in blood.

In these lines it will be observed that the poet-curses his lot, his fortune and his own heart.

The word كوى should be substituted for being more appropriate.

The terminal word here is equivalent to بیى may it be and is used in the form of a prayer or curse. بود = بـى but the latter, when used as a form of prayer or curse becomes بوادا = بواد and here the word بور باد stands for بادا

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1. Since the day Thou createdst us,
2. What hast Thou seen in us save $\sin$ ?
3. O, Lord! for the sake of Thy Twelve Imams,
4. Forgive me, as if Thou hadst not seen my sins.

The proverb d $^{\circ}$ " Didst thou see the camel?" the reply is ' No." The poet has made it شُرديدي نديدي for the sake of metre, which when translated would be, "Didst thou see the camel? Thou didst not see it." The poet prays God to forgive him the sins He has seen him committing, and asks Him that his sins may be condoned.
M. Huart's note is correct as regards the proverbial expression ; but the translator gives a Turkish proverb, which is wide of the mark; the Turkish proverb means that " there is no escape from death," that is, that death is a certainty, and the Turkish proverb has no connection with the proverb di شُر ديدي which means that if asked whether you have seen the camel, say no, that is "pass over my sins as if you had not seen any sin in me." It is, therefore, a pleading for forgiveness of sins and not for long life.

The Quatrain is genuine and not spurious.
59.

1. The grief of the whole world is my soul's portion,
2. Freedom from my pains is alchemy ;
3. Every one's pain at last is cured,
4. It is my heart alone whose remedy is annihilation.

In the 2 nd line the word is used to show that it exists only in name, and similarly my freedom from pain is an impossibility. اكسير كيهيا Elixir, are also used to denote rare things; for instance we say in Persian, وجودش كيهياست , i.e., it is very rare or it exists not. The word leve "a fabulous bird" is used in a similar sense.
60.

1. Let me go and return, aud get out of this world,
2. Let me depart and go further than China and Machin;
3. Let me go and ask the Hajis of Haj,
4. If this distance is enough or may I journey further on.

The word بسشم here is in the imperative mood and corresponds to the English poetic form " go we."
61.

1. My tender beloved, where art thou?
2. Where art thou, my beloved with Surma-dyed eyes?
3. The breath has reached Tahir's bosom (throat) ;
4. At this moment of departure, O my beloved! where art thou?
5. 
6. Thou who hast not learnt heavenly lore,
7. Thou who hast not tracked the way to the Tarern,
8. Thou who knowest not thy own gain or loss,
9. Alas, alas! how canst thou overtake the men of decided character?

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1. I saw a little husbandman in this field,
2. Who was sowing tulips with the blood of his eyes ;
3. He was ever sowing and saying, Alas !
4. That one has to sow and leave it behind in this field.

Mr. Allen's edition of the text does not contain this Quatrain which I have added with its translation. It is given in the Farhang-i-Anju-man-Āā-i-Nāṣiri under the word dillal alala.

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 بشم از حاجيان جه بهيرسم كه اين دوري بسه يا دير ترشم (41)

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 ته كه سود و زيان ذــود نذذرني (4m)



